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Attention of M/S AT-083

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CERTIFIED MAIL

Ronald J. Schultz, Electrical Supervisor  
SDS Lumber Co.  
P.O. Box 266  
Bingen, Washington 98605

Dear Mr. Schultz:

This concerns the August 6, 1992, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) inspection which was conducted at SDS Lumber Co., Bingen, Washington. The inspection was conducted by Peter Maule of the Washington State Department of Ecology, pursuant to Sections 11 and 28 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) to determine compliance with the federal PCB (polychlorinated biphenyl) Regulations.

During the inspection, three transformers located in the "Stud Planer Substation" were observed to be leaking. These transformers were:

1. Kuhlman, serial number 942697
2. Kuhlman, serial number 942698
3. Kuhlman, serial number 942699

It was reported to the inspector that these transformers contained less than 50 parts per million PCB. However, a review of the documentation obtained during the inspection did not reveal any analytical results for these transformers. In that regard, please provide us with a copy of these results.

Three transformers in the "Old Stud Mill Bank" substation were also observed to be leaking. These transformers were:

1. General Electric, serial number 1373756
2. General Electric, serial number 1373757
3. General Electric, serial number 1373758

It was also reported to the inspector that these transformers contained less than 50 parts per million PCB. However, a review of the documentation obtained during the inspection did not reveal any analytical results for these transformers. In that regard, please provide us with a copy of these results.

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In addition, two PCB Transformers were observed to be leaking during the inspection. These transformers were:

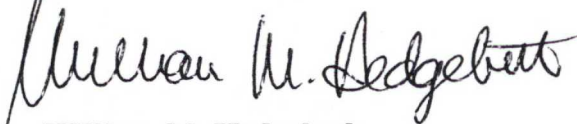
1. General Electric Pyranol, serial number H884840
2. General Electric Pyranol, serial number H884841

In that regard, please advise what actions were taken subsequent to the inspection to remediate the leaks from these transformers. In particular, you should advise the following:

1. The date and time cleanup of the leaks was initiated.
2. A complete description of action taken to clean up the leaks from the transformers and to repair the transformers to ensure that the leaks would not recur.
3. The complete description and disposition of all PCB-contaminated cleanup material generated as a result of cleanup activities.
4. A description of where PCB spill cleanup material was stored on site and, if the material has been transported off-site for disposal, a copy of the manifest.
5. The date and time cleanup of the leaks was completed.
6. Steps taken to verify that the cleanup was adequate.

Please provide the requested information within two weeks of your receipt of this letter. If you have any questions, please contact me at (206) 553-7369.

Sincerely,



William M. Hedgebeth  
PCB Team Leader  
Toxic Substances Section

cc: Peter Maule, Wash. Dept. of Ecology